

# Education & Empowerment Committee



**Jonathan Harris, Chair**

Thursday, July 22, 2010  
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Public Health  
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## Meeting Minutes

**Committee Members**    *AT: Attended    AB: Absent    EX: Excused    ALT: Alternate Present*

AT	Jonathan Harris	AT	MiAsia Pasha	AT	Miguel Garruna	EX	Regina Lechuga
GST	Robert Solis	AT	Ron Hill	AT	Lucio Amado	GST	Mark Kezios

## **Guests**

Carmen Hair                      Vicki Jaquez                      Juan Carlos Perez

**Support Staff:** John Sapero

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## **Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts-of-interest**

Jonathan Harris called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/her self and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Mark Kezios expressed his desire to become a member of the committee.

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## **Determination of quorum**

Jonathan Harris determined quorum was established, with five of six members present at 5:05 pm.

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## **Review of the meeting minutes and action items from prior meetings**

Participants silently reviewed the summary minutes of the June 17, 2010 meeting. Jonathan Harris noted that Miguel Garruna's attendance was not correctly stated.

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Funding is provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health.

All of the documents discussed may be requested from Planning Council Support.

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**Committee chair update**

Jonathan Harris discussed that had registered online to receive a grant from Gilead Pharmaceuticals to help offset costs for Learn+Link+Live events. The application takes six to twelve weeks to be reviewed.

Jonathan discussed he would like to put an information packet together for events that could be provided to potential collaborative partners and the media.

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**Committee Goals and Activities**

Lucio Amado discussed that he had set up a Facebook page to promote events hosted by the Education & Empowerment Committee events. Lucio provided an overview of what content might be included on the page, and expressed concern that people might visit the page, but not provide comments or topic suggestions because their profile pictures would be visible to the general public. Lucio related people may not want to disclose their HIV status or be associated with a page dedicated to HIV issues.

There was discussion regarding what content to post on the Facebook site and how it would be administered. The draft Facebook page, and other HIV-related Facebook content was reviewed and discussed.

The committee then reviewed the goals that had been discussed at the previous meeting and linked these committee goals to the goals of the Planning Council's Comprehensive Plan.

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**Event planning**

***Aprende+Integrate+Vive event***

Jonathan Harris discussed that Miguel Garruna had developed an agenda for the event. However, Miguel was concerned that attendance might be poor due to political issues in the community.

Miguel Garruna discussed issues in the community that would keep people from attending. He suggested waiting until the August Executive Committee meeting to make a determination of whether to hold the event. Miguel related that if immigration challenges in the community continue, it would be best to hold off on presenting the event. There was discussion regarding immigration issues in the state.

A consensus was reached to wait until the August Executive Committee meeting to make a determination on whether the event would be presented.

***Other event planning***

Mark Kezios discussed that Sonora Quest Laboratories was willing to sponsor small monthly presentations, rotating among various service organizations. A doctor would present information and

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answer questions. The committee was supportive of this activity and asked Mark to develop this program.

Ron Hill suggested that future events include oral health presentations. Mark Kezios related that Ryan White Part C or D may be able to provide a presenter to talk about issues experienced by affected individuals.

MiAsia Pasha noted that the Black AIDS Task Force could host an event targeting affected individuals.

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### **Determination of agenda and action items for the next meeting**

In addition to the recurring items, the committee determined the following:

<b>Agenda Items</b>	
Event planning	
<b>Action Items to be completed by the next meeting:</b>	
<b>Task</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>

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### **Current events summaries**

Jonathan Harris discussed that he had recently learned of a website, [blackaids.org](http://blackaids.org), that presented comprehensive HIV information targeting the African American/Black community.

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### **Call to the public**

No comments were voiced.

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### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:22 pm.